



Peter the Great

Tsar of Russia

Peter the Great

1672-1725



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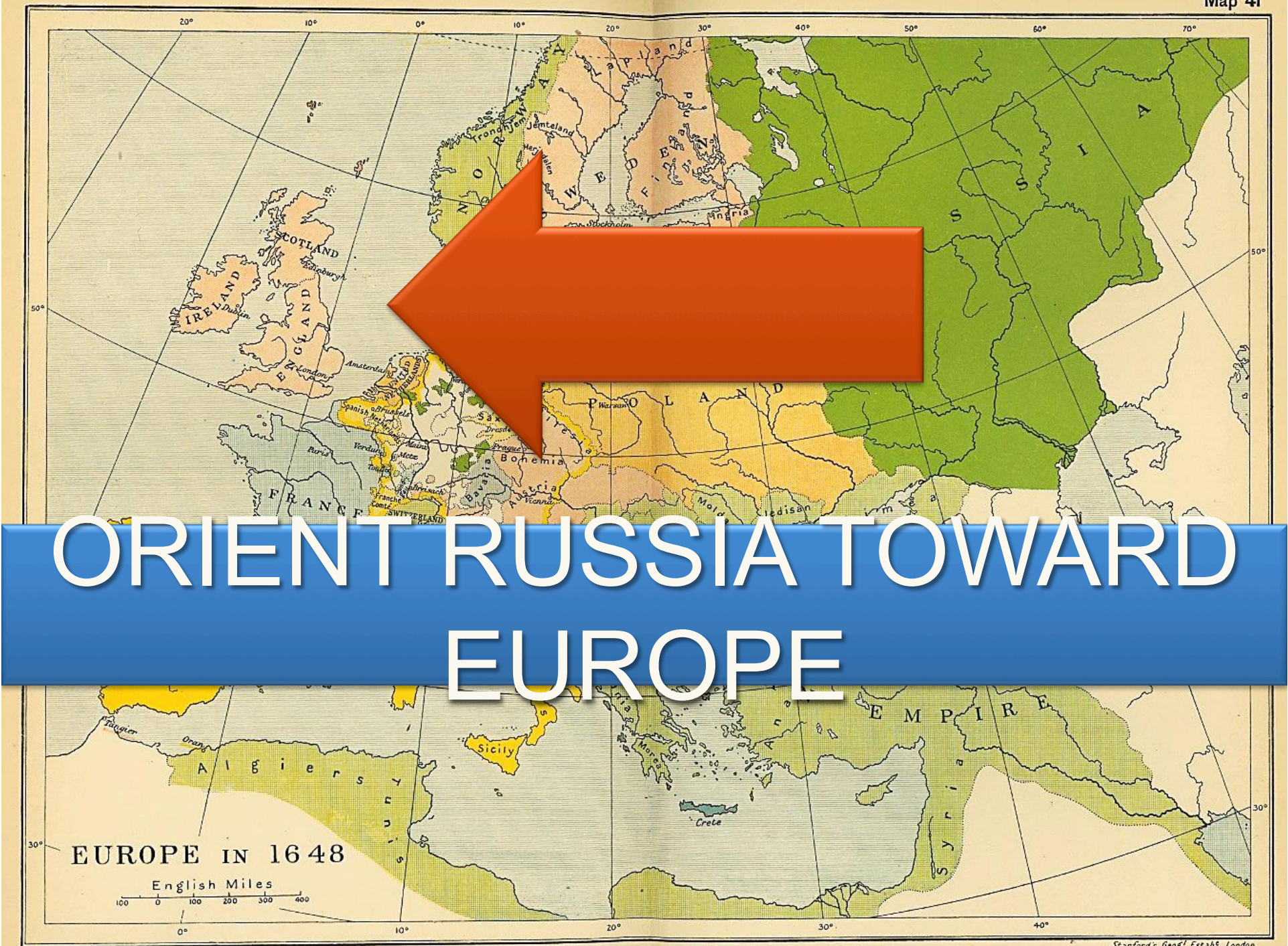


*Peter's reign can be summed
up with one letter.*

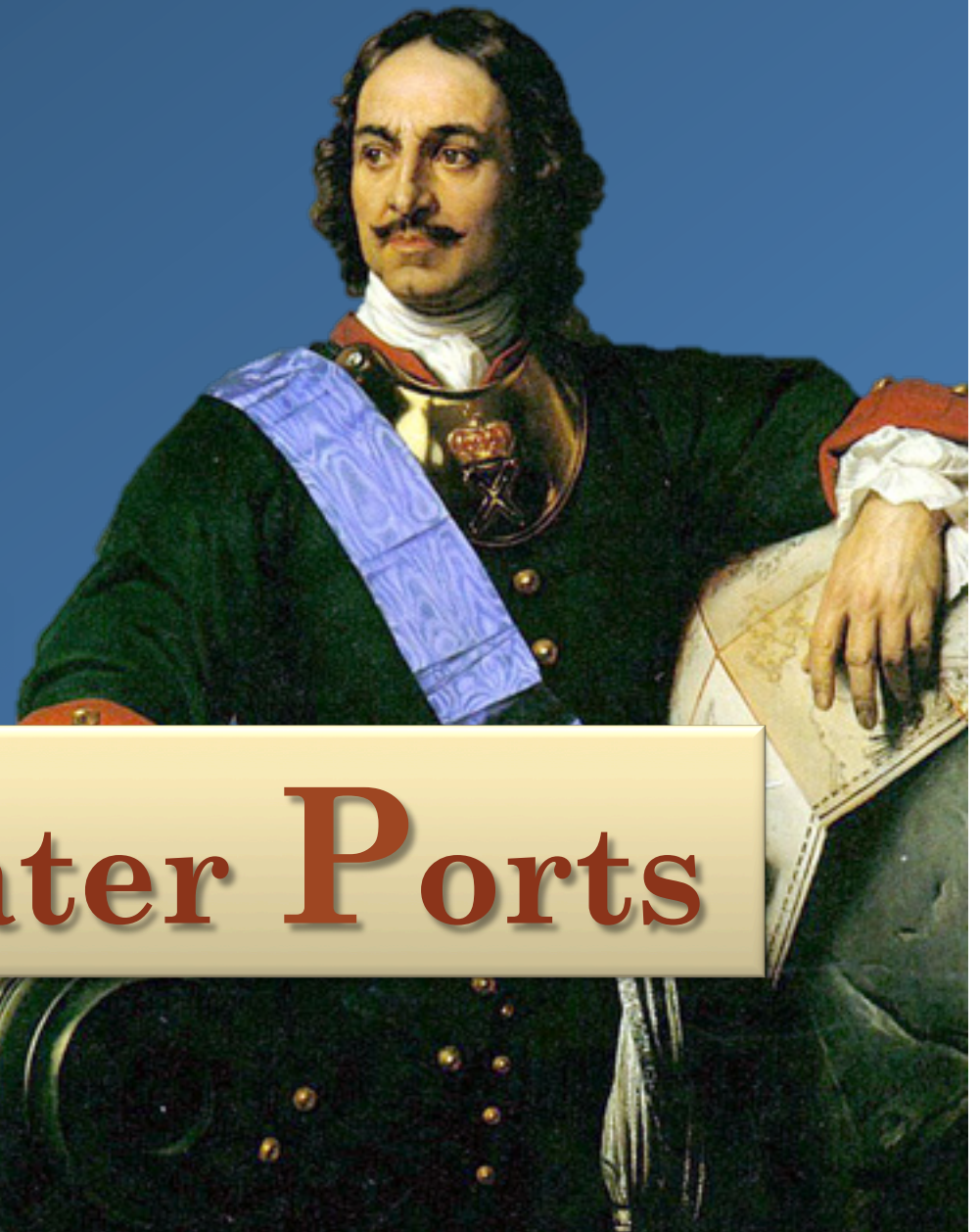
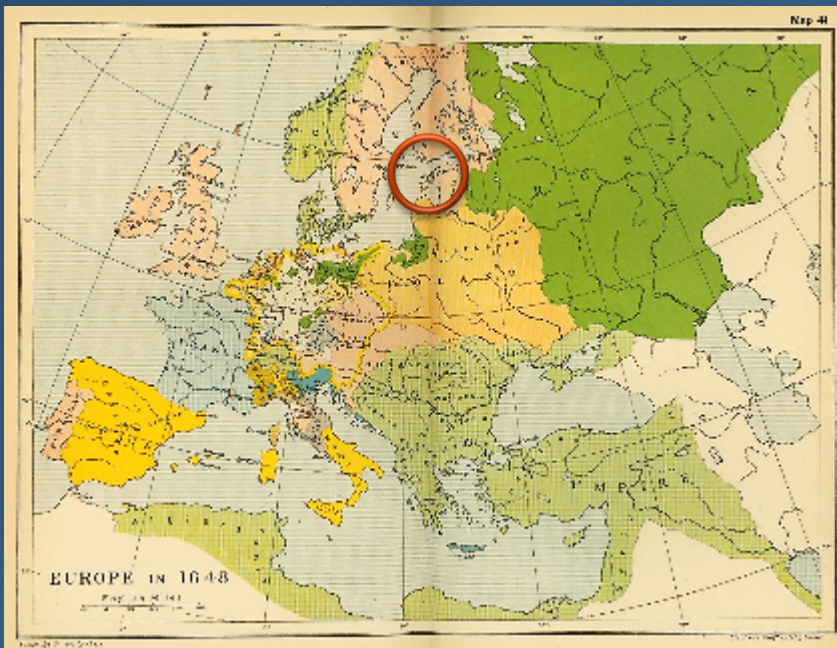


Westernization



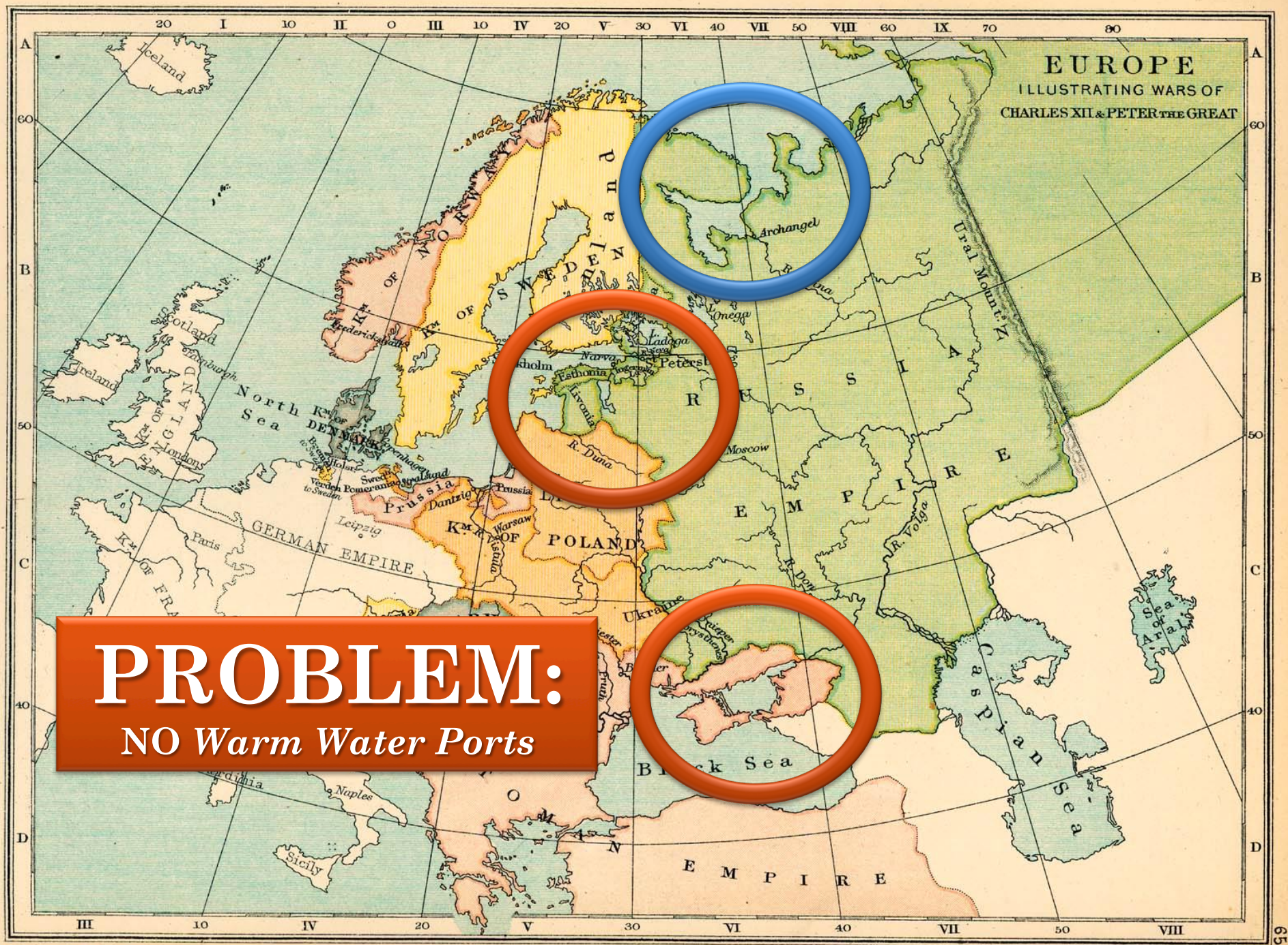


ORIENT RUSSIA TOWARD EUROPE



Warm Water Ports





PROBLEM:
NO Warm Water Ports

MILITARY REFORMS



Peter created a professional military force based on the Prussian model.

Carl Röchling (d. 1920), *Attack of the Prussian Infantry*

Father of the Russian Navy





Emblem of the Russian Navy

A National Flag



Dutch Flag



Russian Flag

Peter's European Tour

1697-1698

England

Amsterdam



SHIPBUILDING



**Amsterdam & England
had the best shipyards
in Europe.**

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Cultural Revolution

Young Peter
the Great
wearing a
Traditional
Eastern
Kaftan





Beard Tax

Those who
paid Peter's
Beard Tax
carried tokens
to prove it.



Раскольникъ говоритъ
слушай цырюльникъ
т бороды стригъ не
хочу вотъ глѣдя на
тебя скоро крѣзь закру

цырюльникъ хо
детъ раскольнику
бороды стригъ.



Education



Peter paid for
the sons of
Russian nobles
to study abroad
in Western
Europe.

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The Year Starts Here



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*Before 1700,
the Russians
had observed
the New Year
in September.*

Resistance to Westernization

From Washington's Farewell Address

“Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence... the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake...”



Entrenched Classes



Boyars
(Nobility)



Streltsy
(Musketeers)

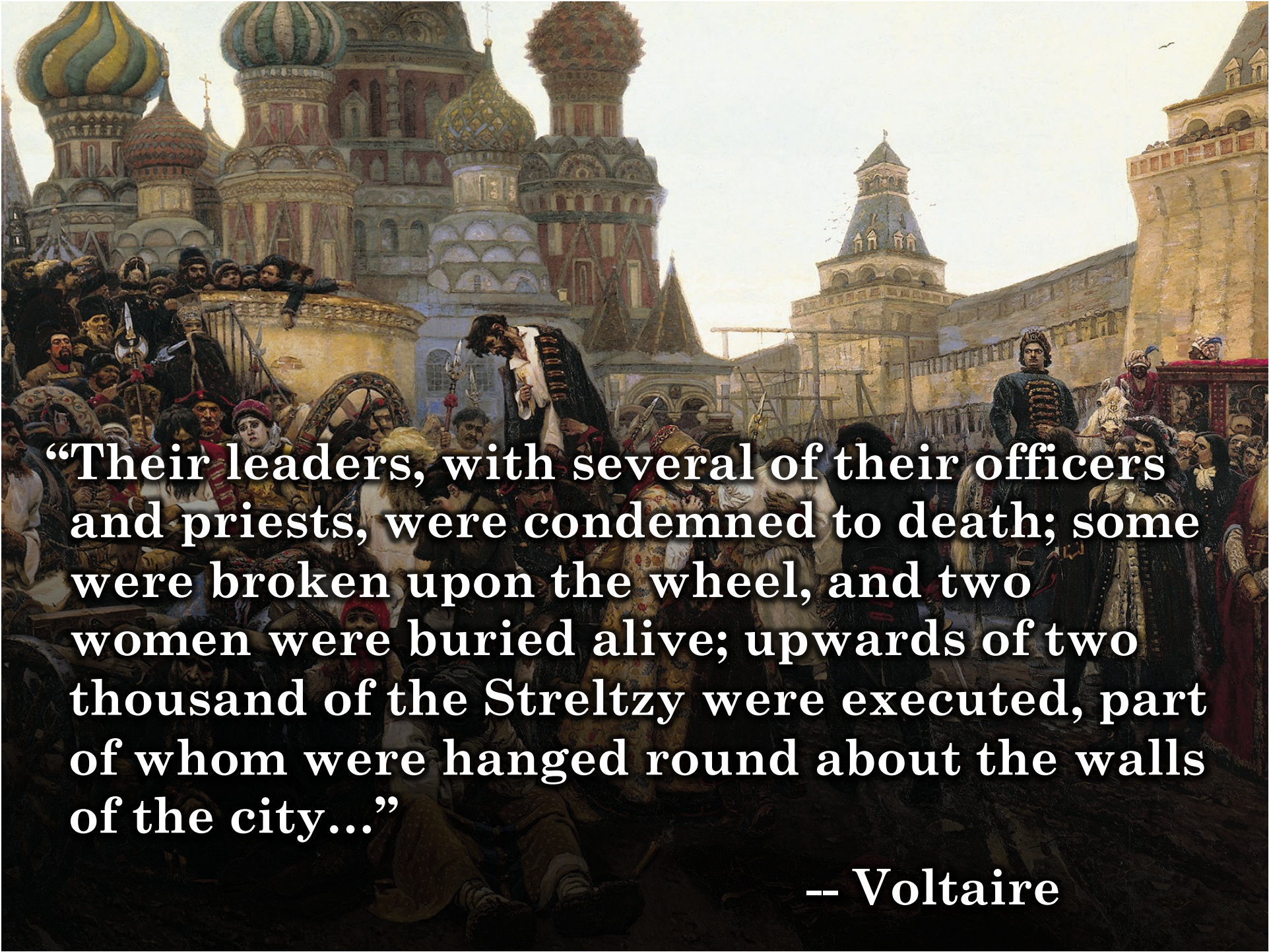


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Russian Orthodox Church



Streltsy Rebellion





“Their leaders, with several of their officers and priests, were condemned to death; some were broken upon the wheel, and two women were buried alive; upwards of two thousand of the Streltzy were executed, part of whom were hanged round about the walls of the city...”

-- Voltaire



Gen. Patrick Gordon

The Streltsy rebellion was put down by Gen. Patrick Gordon, a Scottish general who westernized Peter's army.



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Peter and the Church



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The Russian Orthodox Church



The Russian Orthodox Church, led a **Patriarch**, had not supported Peter's reforms.



**The Russian Orthodox
Church banned the use of
tobacco, a Western import.**

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CHURCH REFORMS



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A Council of Bishops

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No
Figurehead

A black and white photograph showing a group of high-ranking Russian Orthodox clergy members, including several bishops with long beards and white mitres, seated at a long table in a grand, ornate hall. The architecture features high ceilings, large windows, and decorative elements. The scene is formal and historical.

1917

Patriarchate
Reinstated

Uniformes de l'Armée Française
Maison du Roi - Mousquetaires



Christian Tolerance for Foreigners

1660
Louis XIV

1727
Louis XV

1772
Louis XVI

1772
Louis XVI

1814
Réaumur

1814
Réaumur

SERVICE Nobility

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	Штабъ-капитанъ Александръ Саввинъ		
генералъ-лейтенантъ		генералъ	адъютантъ
генералъ-майоръ	генералъ-лейтенантъ Опохеневъ		
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Everyone starts at the Bottom.

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Meritocracy

~~BIRTH~~

~~SENORITY~~

People (theoretically) progressed through the Table of Ranks by *merit* rather than because of their family status or connections.

The Great Northern War

Russia vs. Sweden

1700 -
1721



CHARLES XII

King of
Sweden



Battle of Narva 1700



Peter
DEFEATED

Battle of Poltava 1709

Peter WINS!!!

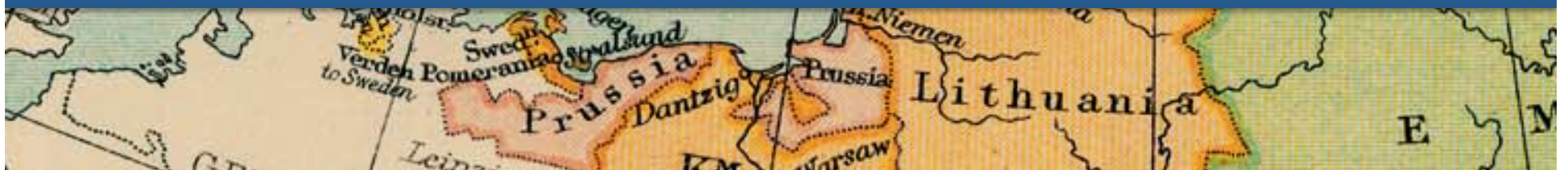




St. Petersburg



Russia's “Window to the West”





Peter the Great's Cabin

A Monument for Posterity

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Simplicity



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Monument to Peter “the Carpenter” *St. Petersburg*

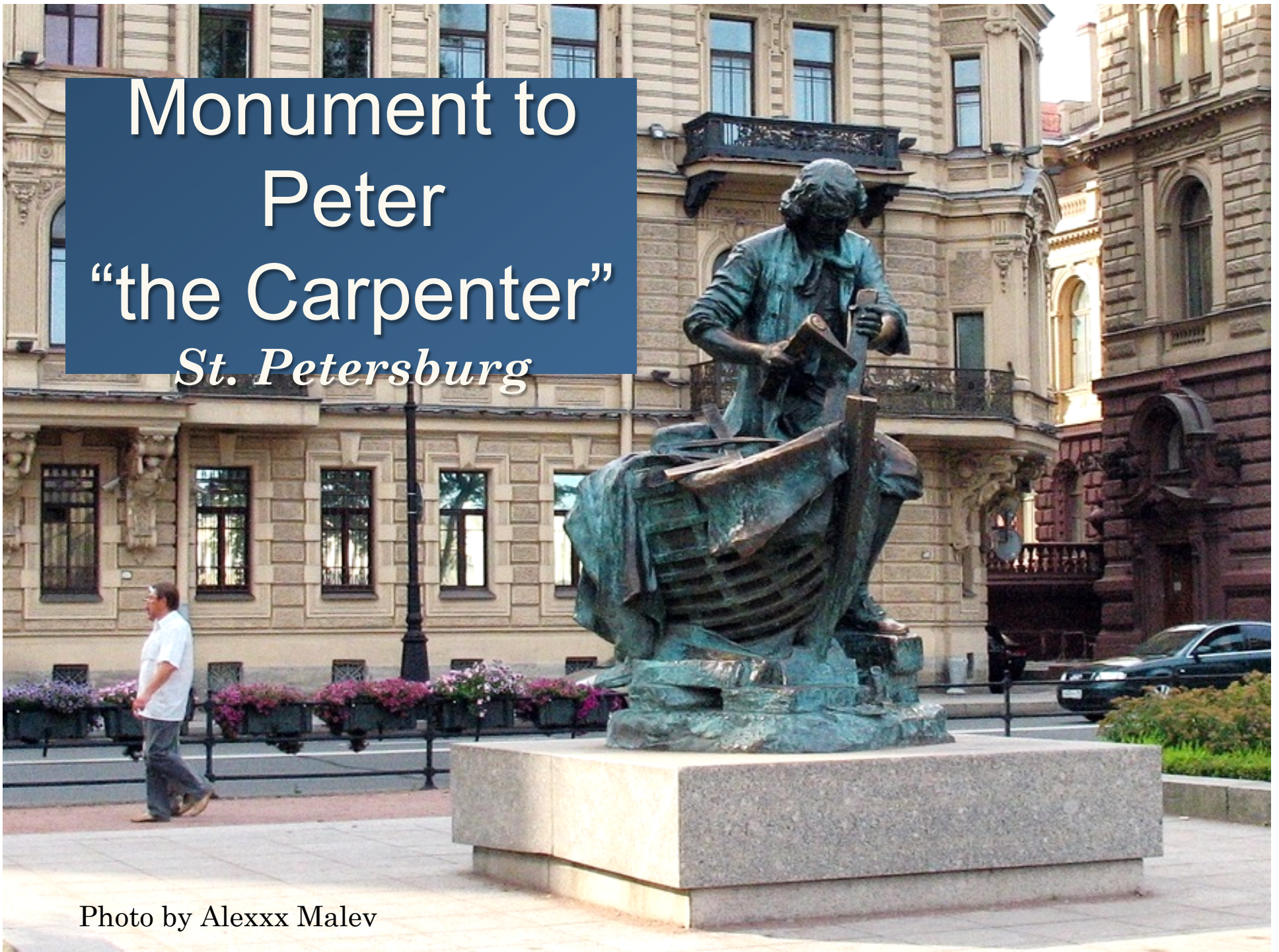


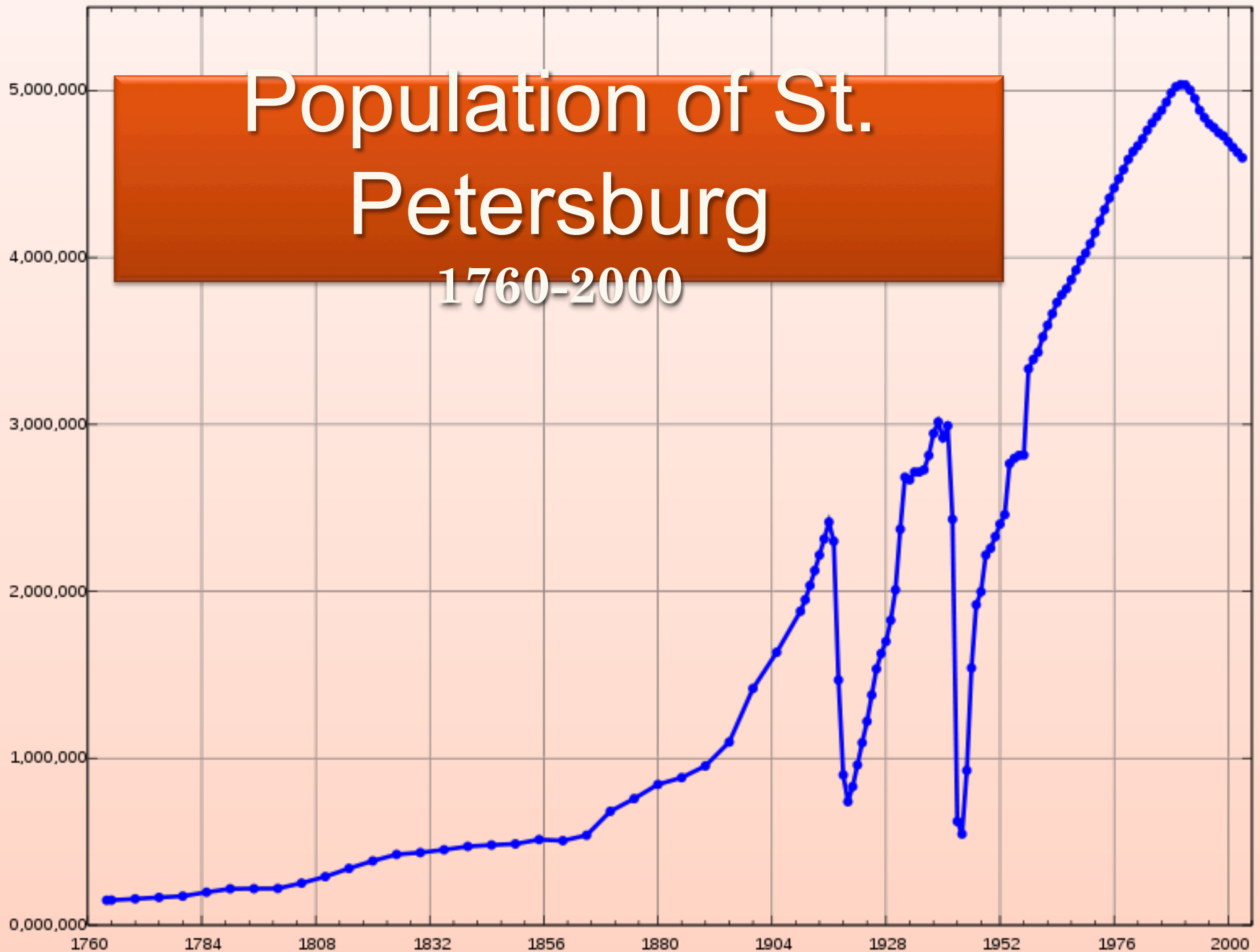
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The Bronze Horseman



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Population of St. Petersburg 1760-2000





1725-
died

The Russian Empire

1721-1917



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